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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: ELASTIC WHEEL AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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Examiner: J. R. Bellinger

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 18, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes**

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Drawings;**

**Amendments to the Claim; and**

**Remarks.**